

**Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting  
May 24, 2008, 9 a.m.**

**Pine Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room**

Board members present: Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Pat Held, Bob Koll, Randy Kevern, Mike Willis, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine, , Marlene Friedl    Not present: Anne Hanson

**President's Welcome**

Mike Fedde called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the spring meeting. Approximately 84 member were present. Board members introduced themselves.

Mike outlined the agenda for the meeting including the speaker Marion Bender from Minnesota Waters. The e-newsletter promotion is asking members to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically to save the cost printing and postage. Jacqui offered a prize drawing for those who signed up. Mike thanked the board members for their work and Jacqui for her work on the newsletter. Topics in the spring newsletter were highlighted including the effect of outdoor lighting, which Jacqui Rognli brought a display to explain, dissolved oxygen measurement in lakes and security services for cabins and homes.

**Approval of September 1, 2007 Membership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the September 1, 2007 membership meeting were printed in the May newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following report:

*Asset Balance 9/1/2007* \$13,098.88

Income:

Memberships, ads	\$1,125.00
Grants	160.00
Interest	117.89
Total Income	<u>\$1,402.89</u>

Expenses:

Meeting expenses	50.00
Newsletters printing, postage	343.68
Other expenses	394.10
	<u>\$787.78</u>

\$615.11

*Balance on Hand Checking 5/22/2008* \$349.87

*Balance in Savings 5/22/2008* \$13,364.12

*Total Assets* \$13,713.99

Pat commented that income growth this year will be slower due to the purchase last year of three year memberships. Pat also reminded the membership that signing up for the e-newsletter would save high printing and postage costs. An audit of the financial books is recommended for this summer.

### **Water Quality**

The county Shoreline Assessment report draft has been made available to the association. Chuck Fors will speak about the report at the fall membership when the final version with correct property ownership is complete. Al Doree showed graphs of the trend of the water quality testing. The results are also available for viewing on the RMB website, for which there is a link at the lakeshamineau.org website. Morrison County paid for our water testing last year and will do so this year also, a savings of \$200 to the association. We continue to pay for the mailing of the samples.

Al displayed the 2008 graphs for the lake level, which is currently 11.52 inches below the official high water level, and the rainfall so far this year, 4.56 inches since April 1. Historical graphs of these measurements and the water clarity are on the association website.

Al is using a measuring device lent to us from the county that measures dissolved oxygen levels and temperature at one meter increments in the deep 52 foot hole in the lake. This measures the thermocline of the lake. Al displayed the equipment used for the thermocline measurement, water quality measurement and water clarity.

Ice went out this year on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks was expressed to Al for his data collection. Lake Shamineau has the best data and the farthest back in time of lakes in Morrison County. His efforts help us to get financial assistance for the ongoing testing.

### **Fishing**

Rick Rosar summarized two reports on fishing from the DNR. One study compared 41 lakes with muskie stocking over the years and the impact on other fish species. It also used lakes not stocked with muskies over those years as a compare group. The results of this study can be viewed on the DNR website. The second study is a field study, also available for viewing online at the DNR website.

Ricks personal experience with fishing this spring indicates that the season is a couple of weeks behind due to the weather. Bass fishing has been good and crappies in the 6 to 7 inch range have been caught. He reviewed the northern pike slot limit and bluegill and crappie limits (20 and 10 respectively). He also mentioned the interest in not only the sunrise and sunset indicators of good fishing times, but also the recent indicator that moonrise and setting may also be an indicator for optimum fishing times. Information on these theories can also be found online.

There were questions about black spot on blue gills and sunfish and other fish illnesses. The black spots have been seen for years and is not considered a problem. A new illness

VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia) is being reported in some lakes. Rick will provide additional information once he learns more.

### **Membership**

Carolyn Held reported that the association has 185-195 members. Approximately half have purchased three year memberships and half one year memberships. We have six associate memberships. Carolyn's team of volunteers signed up members at the meeting and membership numbers will be tallied.

### **Loon Report**

Carolyn Held reported that artificial nests were placed again in the lake this spring, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual attempt, but none were nested upon as of yet. There is a nest at Freidl's on the east end of the lake and another location where the eggs may have been abandoned. Loons need to be undisturbed for successful nesting and hatching. The Minnesota Bound website has a loon webcam where you can watch loons on a nest.

### **E-newsletter Encouraged**

Jacquie Rognli held a drawing for prizes to those who have signed up for the e-newsletter. Prizes included a Shamaineau cap, beach bundle, Shamaineau thermal drink cup, a bobber basket and a s'mores kit. The e-newsletter (pdf format) will be sent rather than a paper copy to save on printing and mailing costs. Please email Jacqui at [lakenewsletter@msn.com](mailto:lakenewsletter@msn.com) to sign up.

### **Guest Speaker**

Marion Bender, Executive Director of Minnesota Waters was our speaker. See their web site at [www.mnwaters.org](http://www.mnwaters.org). Minnesota Waters is the result of the merger of the Minnesota Lakes Association and the Minnesota Rivers Council. She explained the mission statement of the organization. One of their goals is to focus at the citizen level and to support and encourage associations, helping new ones get established and strengthen existing groups. They offer training in communication, fundraising, workshops and a way to connect with other groups. They work with the MN Pollution Control Agency on water quality testing training. They also represent local groups on legislative issues, receive funding and provide grants.

Marion reviewed Healthy Shoreline recommendations including the reduction of impervious (solid) surfaces to reduce runoff into the lake, and the development of natural shorelines. Fallen trees and similar structure in the water provides good habitat for fish and aquatic species, and native aquatic plants such as cattails provide a healthy environment. Septic systems should be up to code, maintained and pumped. Testing of septic systems is recommended and funding to help pay for this can be found through grants. Marion also showed studies relating intensive shoreline development with lower fish nesting locations.

### **Board Elections**

The four members ending their terms were Randy Kevern, Sandy Williams, Anne Hansen and Marlene Friedl. Re-elected were Randy Kevern, Sandy Williams and Anne Hansen.

John Jacobson was the newly elected member. The membership expressed their thanks to the board for the work they do and to Carolyn Held for her committee leadership and work in recruiting members to the association.

### **Other Business**

The shoreline management regulations of the DNR are being updated. There is an open house for public comment at Brainerd on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northland Arboretum, 6:30 -9 pm Check the DNR website for information at <http://mndnr.gov/waters/shoreland.html>. The DNR is developing potential revisions to the statewide minimum standards for shoreland management.

Tammy Gangestad introduced herself. She is the new Morrison County Water Plan Coordinator/Zoning Technician. Chuck Forss is now the Geographical Information System(GIS)/Project Manager in Technology Services at Morrison County.

Jacqui announced that the Old Wadena County Park on the Crow Wing River north of Staples is asking for donations of old steel docks for a bog walk they are building. They have received six and are looking for eighteen more to complete the project.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary